

REMARKS

35 USC §§102 AND 103

Claims 41-42, 44-46 and 48-64 are rejected either under 35 USC 102(b) or 35 USC 103(a) as being anticipated by and/or unpatentable in view of the following references: Reylek (US 5890915), Kawamura (US 5684110), Morgan (US 4931479), Korleski (US 5879794), Vyas (US 5348686) and Bosch (DE 19640192). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with all of the arguments and contentions of the Examiner, however, those arguments are mooted by the amendments presented herein to the claims. As the Examiner points out on page 9 of the Final Office Action, the prior art of record neither discloses nor is fairly suggestive of the use of vinyl-Q-resin in the composition of the interface materials. The Applicant herein amends claim 41 as follows:

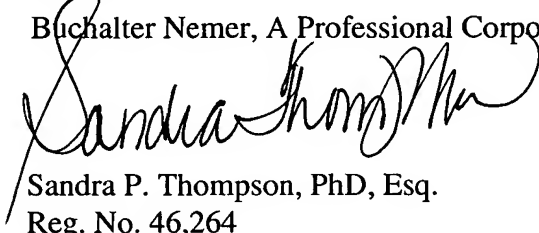
An interface material for electronic devices comprising at least one compliant resin material and at least one solder material comprising indium, silver, copper, aluminum, tin, bismuth, gallium and alloys thereof, silver-coated copper, silver-coated aluminum and combinations thereof, wherein ~~the interface material further comprises at least one wetting enhancer~~ the compliant resin material comprises a vinyl Q resin.

It should be understood, however, that the Applicant is not amending the claims herein and giving up subject matter under a doctrine of equivalents argument or analysis, especially given the claims of the parent issued patent, but instead is expediting the allowance of one set of claims and will pursue additional claims directed to the interface materials comprising wetting enhancers in another divisional application once the Applicant has secured declarations and additional arguments from those skilled in the art that specifically show how the above-mentioned references differ from the cited art.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 41-42, 44-46 and 48-64 are pending in this application, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all of the claims in light of the arguments presented and allow all current and pending claims.

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